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FDOT SAYS NO ADDITIONAL CARD SOUND ROAD DETOURS PLANNED AS 'STRETCH' REPAIR PROJECT IS ALMOST COMPLETED

Repairs to sections of U.S. 1's "18-mile Stretch," between mile markers 106 and 116, are almost complete, but officials at the Florida Department of Transportation said Monday morning they can be executed without further closures of the northbound lane and a need to detour traffic to Card Sound Road.

Card Sound Road is an alternate route between the Keys and the South Florida mainland.

"There is a bit more work for the contractor to do to smooth out some bumps so the road meets our specifications," said Charles Phinizy, a Florida Department of Transportation project manager based in the Keys. "That work is to be accomplished late at night and any traffic can be routed on the shoulder around workers and equipment.

"So there will no longer be a need to close north lanes of 'The Stretch' and use Card Sound Road," he said.

The northbound lane of "The Stretch" was closed June 18 until early Sunday, June 28, to fix significant settlement cracks in new construction. While "The Stretch" was closed, northbound lane tolls on Card Sound Road were suspended. They are now back in effect.

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